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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY

1. HERBERT MITTELSTAEDT, DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR OF BERLIN DAILY DER ABEND, HAS ASKED MISSION TO FORWARD HIS REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BERLIN. MITTELSTAEDT IS PREPARED TO FLY TO WASHINGTON AT CONVENIENCE SECRETARY IF REQUEST APPROVED.

2. DER ABEND IS RESPONSIBLE INDEPENDENT DAILY (CIRCULATION 65,000) WITH INFLUENTIAL READERSHIP. FYI RECENTLY DECEASED FORMER CHIEF EDITOR, FRANK DREXLER, WAS CHAIRMAN BERLINER PRESSEKONFERENZ, WHICH INVITED SECRETARY TO SPEAK LAST NOVEMBER AND HAS RECENTLY REPEATED INVITATION (USBERLIN 0297). END FYI. MITTELSTAEDT IS SENIOR BERLIN JOURNALIST, AGE ABOUT 50, WIDELY KNOWN AND RESPECTED IN MEDIA CIRCLES. HE HAS VISITED UNITED STATES, HAS OBJECTIVE BUT PRO-AMERICAN VIEW OF BERLIN AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WHICH IS REFLECTED IN HIS WRITING.

3. WE FEEL THAT INTERVIEW COULD BE USEFUL MEANS OF SETTING OUT U.S. VIEWS ABOUT BERLIN AT IDEAL TIME HAVE MAXIMUM IMPACT HERE, AND COULD HAVE GOOD MULTIPLYING EFFECT ON VISIT ITSELF. IF SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE PERMITS, RECOMMEND INTERVIEW REQUEST BE GIVEN FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. GEORGE

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